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Dear Mr. Crowder:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 40419.

The Allen Police Department (the "department") received an open records request for "all available personal information" regarding a particular sex offender required to register with the department under article 6252-13c.1, V.T.C.S. The requestor particularly asks for the registrant's name, description, address, and "history." You contend that certain information contained in the Sex Offender Registration form is excepted from required public disclosure by sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code.

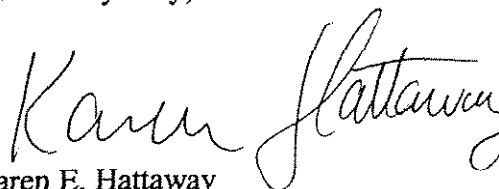
This office recently issued Open Records Decision No. 645 (1996), which concluded that the only information contained in the registration form that is confidential and therefore must be withheld is the registrant's photograph, social security number, driver's license number, numeric street address and telephone number, and any information that *on its face* would directly reveal the identity of the victim. Consequently, these are the only categories of information the department must withhold from the registration form; the remaining information in the form is made public under article 6252-13c.1 and therefore must be released. *Id.*

The requestor has also requested, however, the registrant's criminal history. You have submitted to this office as responsive to this aspect of the request copies of the registrant's criminal history record information ("CHRI") that the department obtained from the Texas Crime Information Center ("TCIC"). The dissemination of TCIC information obtained from TCIC is greatly restricted under chapter 411 of the

Government Code, *see* Gov't Code §§ 411.083, 441.085, 441.089, and the requestor in this instance does not appear to be among those with a special right of access to this information. *But see* Gov't Code § 411.082(2)(B) (CHRI does not include "driving record information"). The department therefore must withhold all of the information obtained from TCIC, except for any driving record information contained therein, which must be released.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karen Hattaway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Hattaway" clearly distinguishable.

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